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In re Application of: Debendra Das SHARMA Application No. 10/011,857 Attorney Docket No. 10017812-1 Filed: November 05, 2001 For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR CONTROLLING FLOW OF ORDERED, PIPELINED TRANSACTIONS BETWEEN INTERCOMMUNICATING ELECTRONIC DEVICES

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WITHDRAWAL OF HOLDING OF
ABANDONMENT

A review of the application reveals that a Notice of Abandonment was mailed to the applicant on September 16, 2009. The notice incorrectly indicated that the instant application was being held abandoned "in response to the decision by the Board of Appeals and Interferences (the Board) rendered on June 02, 2009 and because the period for seeking court review of the decision has expired and there are no allowed claims". Reference to the Decision on Appeal (page 20 thereof), mailed June 02, 2009, reveals that the Examiner's rejection of pending dependent claims 2, 3 and 16-20 was in fact reversed by the Board.

In accordance with M.P.E.P. § 1214.06(I)(B), the examiner has the following options:

- (B) If the Board or court affirms a rejection against an independent claim and reverses all rejections against a claim dependent thereon, ** after expiration of the period for further appeal, >the examiner < should proceed in one of two ways:
- (1) <u>Convert the dependent claim into independent form</u> by examiner's amendment, cancel all claims in which the rejection was affirmed, and issue the application; or
- (2) Set a 1-month time limit in which appellant may rewrite the dependent claim(s) in independent form. Extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) will not be permitted. If no timely reply is received, the examiner will cancel all rejected and objected to claims and issue the application with the allowed claims only.

In view of these facts, the abandonment of the application was clearly in error and is hereby **VACATED**.

The application is being forwarded to the Supervisory Legal Instruments Examiner with instructions to <u>WITHDRAW</u> the holding of abandonment, restore the instant application to pending status. The application will then be forwarded to the Examiner of record for prompt action on the merits, in accordance with this decision. Note, the amendment filed August 3, 2009 is procedural incorrect (see § 1214.06(I)(B)(1) above) and has not been entered.

Inquiries to this decision may be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3595.

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